



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1134 – EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN FROM STATIONARY GAS TURBINES**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze environmental impacts from the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (SCAQMD Rule 110). The Draft SEA includes a project description and analysis of potential adverse environmental impacts that could be generated from the proposed project. The purpose of this letter, the attached Notice of Completion (NOC), and the Draft SEA, is to allow public agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental analysis in the Draft SEA.

This letter and the attached NOC are not SCAQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, no action on your part is necessary. The Draft SEA and other relevant documents may be obtained by calling the SCAQMD Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039 or accessing the SCAQMD's CEQA website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects>

Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 45-day public review and comment period beginning Tuesday, January 29, 2019 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019. **Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft SEA to Mr. Ryan Bañuelos (c/o CEQA) at the address shown above.** Comments can also be sent via facsimile to (909) 396-3982 or email to [rbanuelos@aqmd.gov](mailto:rbanuelos@aqmd.gov). Please include the name and phone number of the contact person for your organization, if any. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Mr. Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 or by email to [mmorris@aqmd.gov](mailto:mmorris@aqmd.gov).

The Public Hearing for the proposed amended rule is scheduled for April 5, 2019. (Note: Public meeting dates are subject to change.)

**Date:** January 25, 2019

**Signature:** 

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**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
(SEA) AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Project Title:** Proposed Amended Rule 1134 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines

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**Project Location:** The proposed project may affect facilities located throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) jurisdiction, which covers all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1134 applies to stationary gas turbines that are not subject to SCAQMD Rule 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) from Electricity Generating Facilities, or located at petroleum refineries. PAR 1134 is proposing to: 1) expand its applicability to include stationary gas turbines that were not previously required to comply with Rule 1134; 2) update the NOx and ammonia emission limits for stationary gas turbines to comply with Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT); 3) transition all monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements (MRR) in Rule 1134 to new SCAQMD Rule 113 - MRR Requirements for NOx and SOx Sources, upon its adoption; 4) establish new exemptions for low-use equipment, certain existing combined cycle gas turbines, and emergency standby gas turbines; 5) provide relief from having to comply with ammonia requirements for turbines that do not use ammonia for controlling NOx emissions; and 6) revise existing exemptions to remove obsolete provisions. The proposed project is estimated to reduce NOx emissions by 2.8 tons per day after implementation of BARCT limits. The Draft SEA indicates that while reducing NOx emissions is an environmental benefit, secondary significant adverse environmental impacts are also expected for the topic area of hazards and hazardous materials. Some sites affected by PAR 1134 may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5.

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**Lead Agency:**  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Division:**  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

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**Draft SEA and all supporting documentation are available at:**  
SCAQMD Headquarters  
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**or by calling:**  
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**The Notice of Completion of the Draft SEA is provided to the public through the following:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles Times (January 29, 2019) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCAQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties |
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**Draft SEA Review Period (45 days):**  
January 29, 2019 – March 15, 2019

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**Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change):**  
SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: April 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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The proposed project may have statewide, regional, or areawide significance; therefore, a CEQA scoping meeting was required (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 (a)(2)) and held at the SCAQMD's Headquarters in conjunction with the Public Workshop on December 18, 2018.

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